RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Officer on Special Duty, Pune, is looking after the progress of the proposed new division.

(b) It will be developed in a phased manner.

(c) Budgetary provisions are being made as per the requirements based on phased planning.

Conversion of meter gauge sectors in Rajasthan

276. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to convert meter gauge rail lines from Rewari to Jaipur *via* Jhunjhunu Loharu to Churu, Churu to Sikar and Ringas to Rewari *via* Neem Ka Thana in Rajasthan into broad gauge;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor and the plans in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) A survey for conversion of these MG lines have already been completed and the survey report is under consideration.

Doubling laning of Konkan rail lines

277. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Konkan Railway which was meant to bring relief to the travellers of the Western India and few and very slow trains;

(b) if so, whether it is because of its being single track;

(c) whether it is also a fact that even Rajdhani Express is always late by a couple of hours; and

(d) whether Government have any plan to double this important line in the near future?